

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, 17-20, 22-26 and 28-31 are pending in the instant patent application. Claims 1, 13 and 20 have been amended. Claims 2, 8, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 27 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

### ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

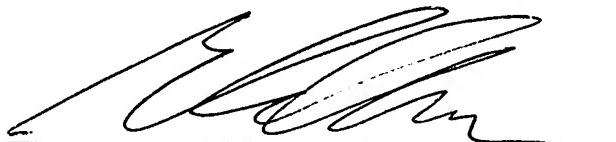
The Examiner has indicated Claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claim 13 (upon which Claims 14, 15 and 16 depend) has been amended to include the allowable subject matter. Furthermore, independent Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter. Claims 3-7, 9-12, 17-19, 22-26 and 28-31 are patentable by virtue of their dependency. Accordingly, allowance of Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, 17-20, 21-26 and 28-31 is earnestly solicited.

## SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims in the instant patent application are in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Application and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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